

**Chambers of District Judge Marcia S. Krieger** *continued*

**Legal Practice:** Law Clerk and Associate, Mason, Reuler & Peek (1976-1983); Litigation Associate, Smart, DeFurio, Brooks, Eklund & McClure (1983); Associate then Shareholder, Brooks & Krieger (1983-1988); Of Counsel then Shareholder, Wood, Riz & Hames (1988-1990); Law Office of Marcia S. Krieger (1990-1994)

**Chambers of District Judge Robert E. Blackburn**

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**Robert E. Blackburn**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Western State Col 1972 BA; Colorado 1974 JD  
Began Service: March 8, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Deputy District Attorney (part-time), 16th Judicial District (1980-1986); County Attorney, County of Bent, Colorado (1980-1988)

**Judicial:** Municipal Judge (1985-1988); Judge, 16th Judicial District of Colorado (1988-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Law Clerk, Oakley Wade Law Office (1975); Partner, Wade & Blackburn (1975-1980); Private Practice (1980-1988)

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Jeffrey P. Kelson** ..... (303) 335-2350  
Education: Colorado 1985 JD  
Law Clerk **Hazel Landwehr Porter** ..... (303) 335-2350  
Education: Duke 1994 JD  
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**Phillip S. Figa**  
District Judge

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Chambers of Senior Judge Richard P. Matsch**

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**Richard P. Matsch**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Michigan 1951 AB, 1953 JD  
Began Service: 1974  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Colorado, United States Department of Justice (1959-1961); Deputy City Attorney, City of Denver, Colorado (1961-1963)

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States District Court for the District of Colorado (1965-1974)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1956-1959); Private Practice (1963-1965)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1953-1955)

**Staff**

Secretary **Ginger Wentz** ..... (303) 844-4627

**Chambers of Senior Judge John Lawrence Kane**

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**John Lawrence Kane**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1937  
Education: Colorado 1958 BA; Denver 1960 JD, 1997 LLD  
Began Service: 1977  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Instructor, Metropolitan State College of Denver (1975); Adjunct Professor, University of Denver (1976); Guest Lecturer, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland (1989); Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Denver (1994)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Colorado District Court, Seventeenth Judicial District

**Government:** Deputy District Attorney, State of Colorado (1961-1962); Public Defender, Adams County, State of Colorado (1964-1967); Deputy Director, Eastern Region of India, Peace Corps (1967-1969)

**Legal Practice:** Gaunt, Byrne & Dirrim (1961-1962); Partner, Andrews & Kane (1963-1964); Partner, Holme, Roberts & Owen (1970-1977)

**Staff**

Permanent Law Clerk **Karen Robertson** ..... (303) 844-6118  
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**Zita L. Weinshienk**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933  
Education: Arizona 1955 BA; Harvard 1958 JD  
Began Service: October 10, 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Probation Counselor, Legal Advisor and Referee, Denver Juvenile Court (1959-1964); Judge, Denver Municipal Court (1964-1965); Judge, Denver County Court (1965-1971); Judge, Denver District Court (1972-1979)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; Colorado Bar Association; Colorado Bar Foundation; Colorado Women's Bar Association; Denver Bar Association; Denver League of Women Voters; District Judges' Association of the Tenth Circuit, Past President; Federal Judges Association; Harvard Law School Association; National Conference of Federal Trial Judges, Past Chair; Women's Forum of Colorado

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Nancy N. Potter** ..... (303) 844-2784  
Education: American U 1995 JD  
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**Daniel B. Sparr**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
Education: Denver 1952 BS, 1966 MD  
Began Service: April 26, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Academic:** Part-time faculty, Arapahoe Community College (1974-1978); Part-time faculty, Metropolitan State College of Denver (1979-1989)

**Corporate:** Staff Technician, Servicing Representative and Street Address Directory Representative, Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph (1955-1959); Communications Representative, Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company (1959-1962); Traffic Chief, Acting Traffic Manager, Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company (1962-1963); Sales Administration, Vice President, Brad Wolfe Construction (1963-1964); Salesman and Administration (part-time), Brad Wolfe Construction Company (1964)

**Judicial:** Judge, Colorado District Court, Second Judicial District (1977-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, White & Steele (1966-1970); Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph (1970-1971); Partner, White & Steele (1971-1974); Law Offices of Wesley H. Doan (1974-1975); Private Practice (1975-1977)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1952-1955)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American Inns of Court; Denver Bar Association; William E. Doyle Inn of Court

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Eileen O'Connor Barnes** ..... (303) 844-4694  
Education: Colorado 1988 JD  
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**Patricia A. Coan**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Georgetown 1967 BSN; Denver 1981 JD  
Began Service: October 15, 1996  
Term Expires: October 2012  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1982-1996)

**Current Memberships:** Colorado Bar Association; Denver Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Women's Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Michael J. Watanabe**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: February 12, 1999  
Term Expires: February 11, 2007

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Alison Andrews** ..... (303) 844-2403  
Education: Pace 1980 BBA; Albany Law 1983 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Shelley Moore** ..... (303) 335-2091  
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**Boyd N. Boland**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Columbia 1980 JD  
Began Service: February 2000  
Term Expires: February 2008

**Academic:** Assistant Professor, Mississippi College School of Law (1984-1985)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Paul V. Hodges, Colorado Supreme Court (1980-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Holme Roberts & Owen, LLP (1981-1984); Holme Roberts & Owen, LLP (1985-2000)

**Current Memberships:** American Intellectual Property Law Association; American Law Institute

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Renee Christian** ..... (303) 844-6408  
Courtroom Deputy **Geneva Mattei** ..... (303) 335-2061  
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**Craig B. Shaffer**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Tulane 1979 JD  
Began Service: January 18, 2001  
Term Expires: January 18, 2009

**Government:** United States Department of Justice (1983-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Dufford & Brown, P.C. (1991-1999); Giles, O'Keefe, Vermeire & Gorrel, LLP (2000-2001)

**Military Service:** United States Navy JAG Corps (1979-1983)

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